## State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources STATE PARKS DIVISION

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Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii

Subject: Request Approval to Establish Kaumahina State Wayside Open Hours and

Request Delegation of Park Hours Decisions to the Chairperson in the Future

Kaumahina State Wayside is along the Hana Highway, approximately 28 miles (1.5 hour drive) east of Kahului Airport. Here is a forested rest stop with exotic plants, an area for picnicking, and scenic viewpoints of the northeast Maui coastline. Several years ago the comfort station was burned and portables were installed at this popular wayside. On March 15, 2006, construction of a new \$1 million ADA compliant comfort station and newly paved parking lot will be completed and the wayside facilities open to the public. We request the Board's approval to set the open hours of the park from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Land Board has approved open hours in all past instances of setting State Park hours. On Oahu, most State Parks are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. from April 1 to September's Labor Day; 7:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. from the day after Labor Day to March 31. There are some exceptions on Oahu, such as Diamond Head State Monument which is open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are currently studying the park open hours on all islands with a view towards standardization, as much as feasible. There are over 60 State Park sites which will be reviewed; it would be efficient if the decision to approve park open hours be delegated to the Chairperson.

## Recommendation

Request that the Board approve the following:

- 1. Establish the hours for Kaumahina State Wayside on Maui to open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Delegating to the Chairperson future decisions relating to State Parks open hours and/or revisions to open hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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